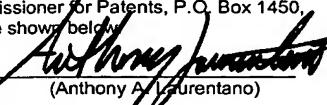


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 3 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figure 7. This sheet replaces the original sheet of Figure 7. In Figure 7, the description "Consumed Voltage of Hydrogen Pump" is changed to "Electrical Current Consumed by Hydrogen Pump".

Attachment: Replacement sheet
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